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1801-1850

49-1 E. Montgomery St. (South side)  
Baltimore, Md.  
Private access

The houses along the south side of the unit block of E. Montgomery St. include some of the earliest Federal style, two and a half story brick houses built in the area. 1, 3, and 9 E. Montgomery St. are all three bays wide and were built before 1805. The other two and a half story houses on the street are two bays wide and were built between 1809 and 1825. These include 11 E. Montgomery St. and the pairs of houses at 5-7, 17-19, 25-27, and 29-31 E. Montgomery St. 13 E. Montgomery St. is a three story, two bay wide gable-roofed house built in the late 1840's, as was its neighbor, 15 E. Montgomery St., which, however, has since been remodeled and now has a shed roof and bracketed cornice. 21-23 E. Montgomery St. are three story, two bay wide "half houses" with front gable roofs and two story high rear additions. 33-35 E. Montgomery St. are unusual three and a half story, two bay wide brick houses with gable roofs and dormer windows that run the full length of the roof. The houses are the only survivors of an original group of five such houses built in the late 1840's between 33 and 41 E. Montgomery St. 47-49 E. Montgomery St. are three story, two bay wide brick houses with shed roofs and bracketed cornice which are either replacements or enlargements of the original two and a half story houses on the site.

# MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

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## INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

### 1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

### 2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

15 E. Montgomery St.

CITY, TOWN

Baltimore

— VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

### 3 CLASSIFICATION

#### CATEGORY

— DISTRICT  
— ☒ BUILDING(S)  
— STRUCTURE  
— SITE  
— OBJECT

#### OWNERSHIP

— PUBLIC  
— ☒ PRIVATE  
— BOTH

#### PUBLIC ACQUISITION

— IN PROCESS  
— BEING CONSIDERED

#### STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED  
— UNOCCUPIED  
— WORK IN PROGRESS  
**ACCESSIBLE**  
☒ YES: RESTRICTED  
— YES: UNRESTRICTED  
— NO

#### PRESENT USE

— AGRICULTURE — MUSEUM  
— COMMERCIAL — PARK  
— EDUCATIONAL ☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE  
— ENTERTAINMENT — RELIGIOUS  
— GOVERNMENT — SCIENTIFIC  
— INDUSTRIAL — TRANSPORTATION  
— MILITARY — OTHER:

### 4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

— VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

### 5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Records Office Room 601

Liber #:

Folio #:

STREET & NUMBER

Baltimore City Courthouse

CITY, TOWN

Baltimore

STATE

Maryland 21202

### 6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

— FEDERAL — STATE — COUNTY — LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

**7 DESCRIPTION****CONDITION**

<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED

**CHECK ONE**

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED
<input type="checkbox"/> ALTERED

**CHECK ONE**

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE	
<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED	DATE _____

**DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE**

This three story brick house with shed roof and bracketed cornice seems to have replaced an original 2 1/2 story structure that was part of a group of such houses built along this side of Montgomery St. in the early 1800's. The house is two bays wide.

The buildings is a full three stories in height, 17' wide, and extends back on a lot 70' deep. It is constructed in running bond. The shed roof is capped by a cornice of Italianate design consisting of a deeply projecting crown molding supported by a row of carved modillions and a row of dentils. Three carved wooden brackets connect the cornice to a lower molding strip. The brick freize thereby formed is punctuated by two scroll-sawed ventilating panels. A double, hooded brick chimney rises along the western side of the building.

All of the openings are surmounted by splayed brick lintels. The sills are stone. The window openings have 2/2 sash, probably original to the building. A modern flush door is surmounted by a single light transom. The house sits on a high basement, the entrance being reached by 4 stone steps. A square-shaped coal opening is located to the right of the steps.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

**8 SIGNIFICANCE**

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER	
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES c. 1865-1869

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This house is significant as being representative of a fairly small group of large Victorian-style houses built in the Federal Hill area after the Civil War. The house replaced an earlier 2 1/2 story house which seems to have been built on the site before 1810. The house was the home of James Bruce, who bought the older house on this lot in 1839 and continued to live here until about 1860. His son, James A. Bruce, the superintendant of the Maryland Gas Works, is listed at this location in 1860 and it may have been he who enlarged or rebuilt the original house. The older James Bruce was an iron moulder.<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup>Baltimore City Directory, 1810, 1840, 1860

**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY \_\_\_\_\_

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE

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Maryland Historical Trust / Struever Bros. &amp; Eccles

DATE

3/79

STREET &amp; NUMBER

1745 Circle Rd.

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Ruxton

STATE

Maryland 21204

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

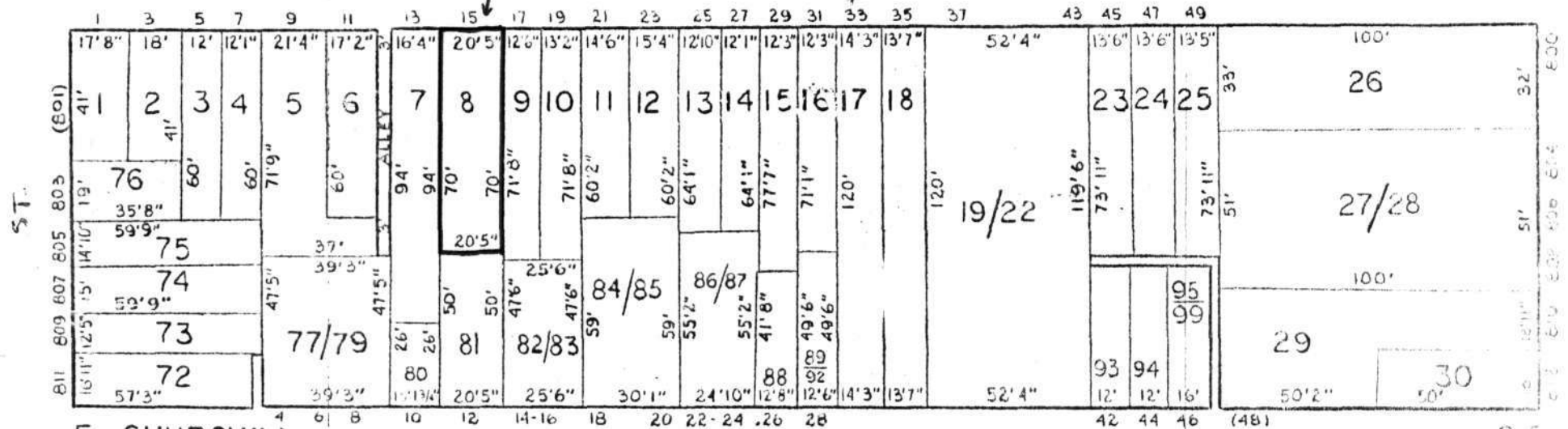
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E. MONTGOMERY

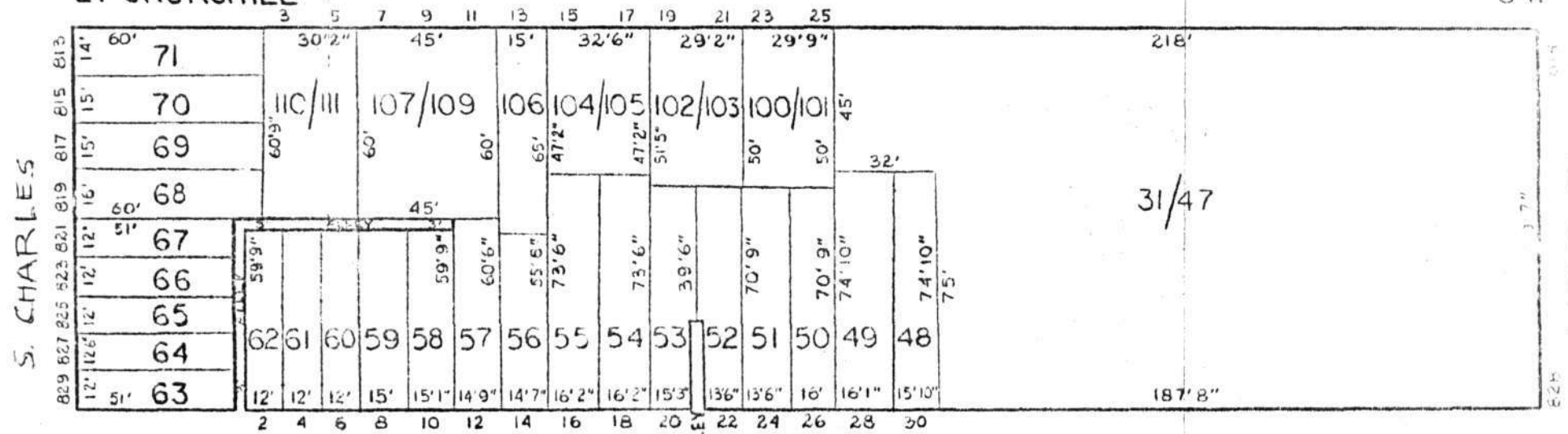
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E. CHURCHILL

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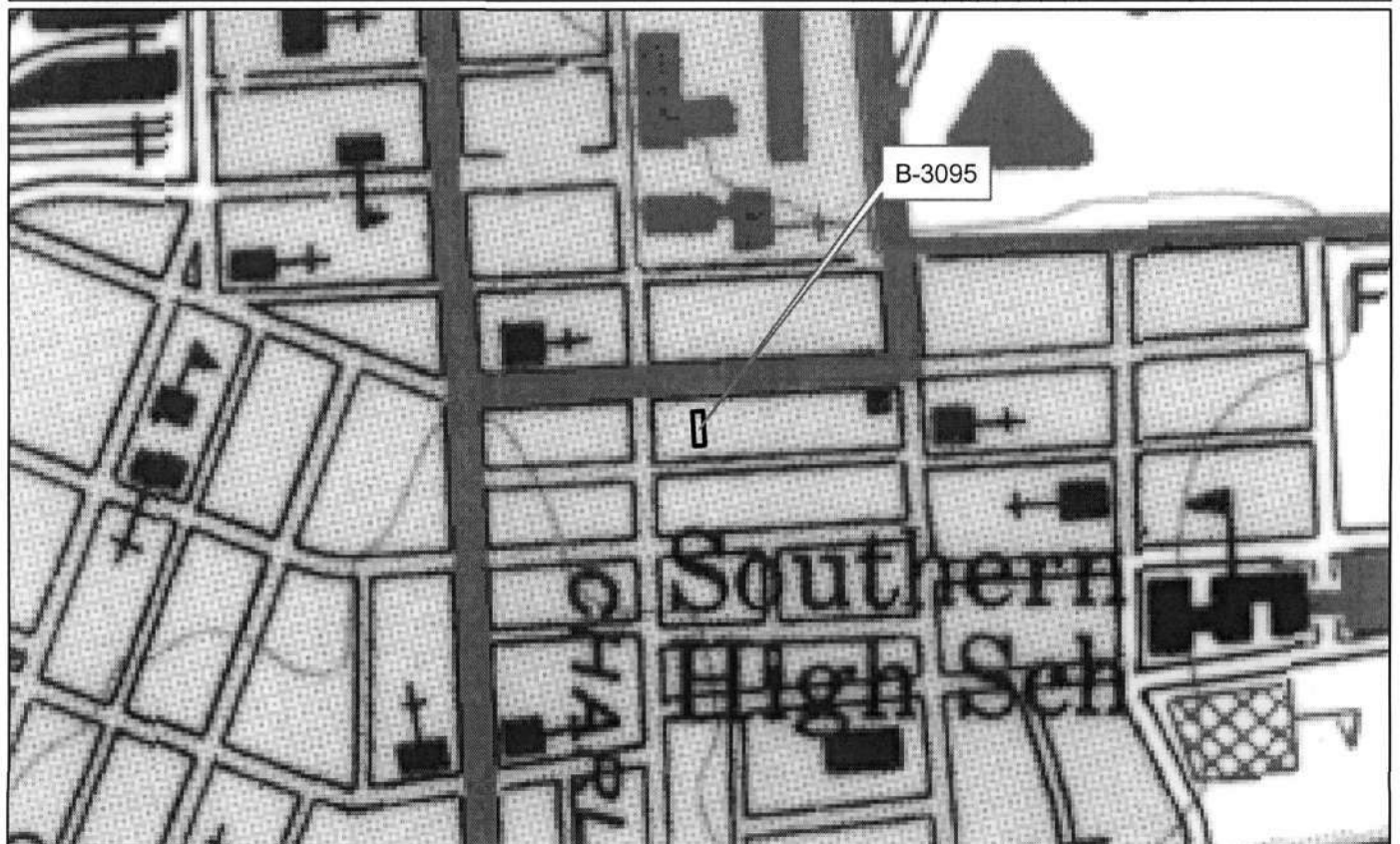
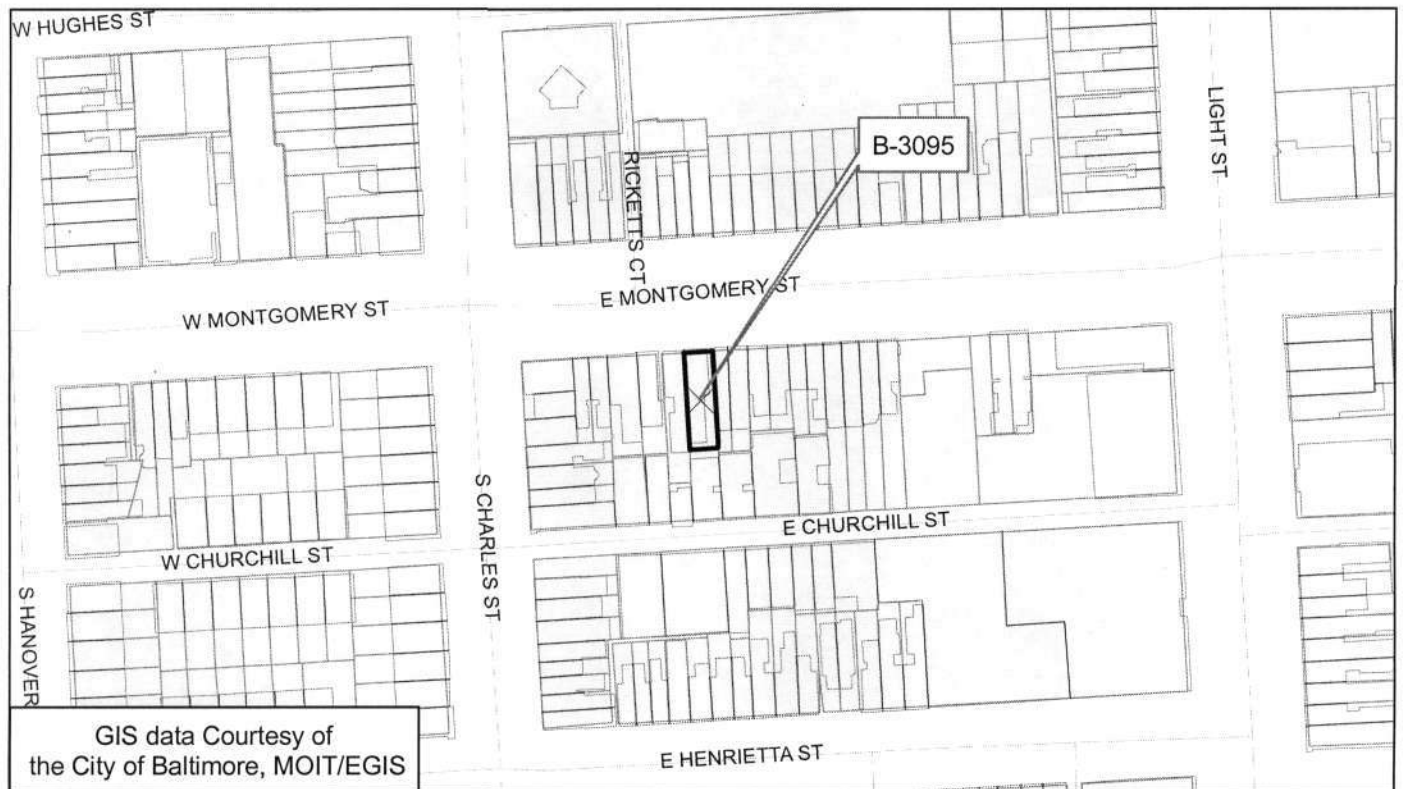


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15 E. Montgomery Street  
Block 0905 Lots 008  
Baltimore City  
Baltimore East Quad.







B-3095 15 E. Montgomery St.

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North elevation